

Bulletin for Responsible Scholars, **June 26, 2017**

Welcome to Eckstein.
We are creating a Community of Lifelong Learners!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Limited Summer Hours. Office will be closed during July, but leave a message on main number 206-252-5010 and someone will get back to you.

June 26	UPDATED ~ Last Day of School, District-wide 1-Hr Early Dismissal
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**** = New from last printing**

Eckstein Website: <http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/home> If you are already receiving the Bulletins directly to your Inbox, you do not have to re-enroll. If you are new to Eckstein or have changed your email address you need to sign up for Parent Emails and other important announcements that go directly to your inbox. Click here to enroll [Subscribe to Eckstein Parent Emails](#)

Orchestra News: [Eckstein Orchestra Website](#)

Band News: [Eckstein Band Website](#)

Choir News: [Eckstein Choir Website](#)

Eckstein PTSA Needs You! The PTSA is looking for Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs for next year. We have wonderful staff at Eckstein and this is a great way to show them how much we appreciate them. If you're on the fence, we have a calendar of events we've held over the past two years that you can use to plan the year and if you know Sign-Up Genius, then you're set. Even if you aren't familiar with Sign-Up Genius, we have experts on the PTSA who can show you, and this volunteer job will be really fun and easy if you grab a buddy! Please contact Elida Moran at emoran08@gmail.com if you want more information about volunteering.

****Pickleball Courts at Eckstein MS:** We are exploring the cost and feasibility to repurpose the existing (no longer used) tennis court at Eckstein into 3 pickle ball courts. The new courts would be designated both school and community use. If you are interested in helping bring pickle ball courts to EMS, or simply in favor of the idea, please connect with us in one of two ways: Interest List email: pickleballeckstein@gmail.com or Facebook: Pickleball at Eckstein MS (NE Seattle) Updates and/ or requests for help will be sent via these two sources. Fundraising will be via individual donations (future GoFundme page) and hopefully a grant through the City of Seattle Neighborhood Matching fund. Given the fundraising portion, and our climate, the timeline looks to be 2018 at best. Submitted by: Kathy Schmidtke, 8th grade parent.

****A huge THANK YOU to all of the parents, guardians and EMS staff who made the first annual pancake and waffle breakfast great!** We appreciate your support and help to send our 8th graders off in style!

****End-of-Year Report Cards** will be mailed home later this week, or possibly early next week. It will include the 2017 SBAC scores if your student took the assessment.

****2017-18 Student Schedules:** Our aim is to mail the schedules out in mid-to-late August. Please stay informed by going to the Eckstein website at www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org. You can also opt-in to receive Parent Email Bulletins by going to the bright-green link on the Home page and registering your email address.

Attention Incoming 8th Graders:

Summer Reading: As listed in the Eckstein Course Catalog:

- The summer between 7th and 8th grades students are required to read a biography (or autobiography) of an important American figure.
- Students should choose a biography (or autobiography) of a person who lived in the United States between Colonial times and the Progressive Era (early 1900's).
- Students will need to acquire their own books (either through a purchase or from the library).
- The book will be the basis for a project at the beginning of eighth grade.

Camp Orkila: Current 7th graders (or Eckstein 2017-18 8th graders) will be taking a fieldtrip to Camp Orkila on October 11-13, 2017. For more information and to download the fieldtrip permission form, go to our homepage at www.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org. Parents ~ The [Medication Forms](#) need to be filled out by a healthcare provider at the start of every school year, therefore you will need a new form for Orkila. This is includes over-the-counter medications you want your child to take while at camp. Please call the nurse IF you have any questions. Interested in chaperoning? Download [SPS Overnight Chaperone Clearance Forms](#).

Congratulations to our Golden Acorn Winners! Thank you to all the parents and staff who sent us nominees this year; we have a lot to be thankful for at Eckstein. All the Staff who received a nomination will receive a Golden Treat in their mailbox along with the kind messages about them that we received.

- **This year's Teacher/Staff Golden Acorn winner is Mona Aboel-Nil**, one of Eckstein's 7th Grade Science teachers. Not only does Ms. Aboel-Nil get her students excited about Science, but she demonstrates a genuine interest in the lives of her students and other students within Eckstein's community. She is consistently willing to lend an ear and listen to any student, and she takes a genuine interest in their lives. This really shows in how much our students respect and appreciate her. Ms. Aboel-Nil is a wonderful contributor to the Eckstein community!
- **This year's Volunteer Golden Acorn goes to Heather Baker** for her ongoing commitment to, and volunteer work with, the Eckstein Bike Program. Heather has organized our successful bike-to-school months, which are full of activities for our students, and has coordinated parent volunteer support. As a supporter of the Eckstein Bike Program, Heather has been instrumental in supporting and inspiring our students to bike to Eckstein.

Congratulations, Eckstein PTSA, on achieving the Platinum Level Membership Award with Washington State PTA! Eckstein's PTSA has grown by 20% this year. Membership growth is integral to the PTSA mission of being a powerful voice for children and when you join, you become part of the state association and the larger National PTA. Your voice joins tens of thousands across Washington and millions across the United States as advocates for children. Thank you, PTSA, for all you have done and will continue to do for Eckstein Middle School!

Thank you from the PTSA! The PTSA would like to thank two local businesses who continue to support Eckstein Middle School. This is not an ad or a solicitation for business, but rather letting you know how they have supported our school. This year, Andrea Basinski, our hardworking Teacher Appreciation Chair, reached out to **Einstein Bagels** to see if they would consider donating bagels for Eckstein staff. Not only did they donate, but they continued to make bagel donations throughout the year. Please let Einstein Bagels know how much you appreciate their support of our school when you visit their location down in the University Village. The PTSA would also like to thank **John Appel at the UPS Store located** at 10002 Aurora Avenue North, Ste. 36, Seattle, WA 98133. John is a former Eckstein Middle School parent, and for several years he has donated all of the printing services for the PTSA back-to-school packet and Eckstein Annual Campaign documents, which is a considerable expense. Please let John know how much you appreciate his support by considering his business when you need either UPS or printing services. These are truly great community partners!

THIS JUST IN...BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2017 2018 SCHOOL YEAR: [Arrival-Departure Times for 2017-18](#) Eckstein will be starting school at 8:55 and will end at 3:45 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Currently the district has a variety of early release days during the school year to support staff professional development. Next year in support of educator collaboration and instructional planning, we will have a consistent weekly schedule. Students will be released 75 minutes early every Wednesday (except for the first day of school).

Incoming 6th Grade WEB Day: Mon, Aug 28, 8 am – 12 pm. We are excited to welcome all incoming 6th grade students to Eckstein WEB Day on Monday, August 28th from 8am to noon in the school gym. WEB stands for “Where Everybody Belongs,” and this special day is designed to provide the opportunity for students to become familiar with Eckstein, meet their 8th grade student leaders and learn tips for achieving success in middle school. Please sign your student in at 8:00 am in the gym, and encourage him/her to wear comfortable clothing for this active day. There is no need to bring school materials or a backpack. WEB Day is not mandatory, but we highly encourage 6th grade students to attend to ensure they have the best start of school possible. Please note that lunch and transportation are not provided on WEB Day. If you have any questions or if your student needs special accommodations, please email Erin Sterling at emsterling@seattleschools.org . We hope to see your student on August 28th!

Advanced Learning Testing: The window for families to request testing for Kindergarten through 7th grade students to determine Advanced Learning and Highly Capable eligibility opened on May 15 and extends through September 22, 2017. For more information, click on the [Advanced Learning Family Informational Flyer](#) or contact Kari Hanson, klhanson1@seattleschools.org, Director of Student Support Services or Stephen Martin, sbmartin@seattleschools.org, Supervisor of Advanced Learning.

Eckstein 2017 Summer Music Program: The Summer Music Program at Eckstein for incoming 6th graders will be June 27th to July 14th this year. It's a great deal for a half day camp at only \$90.00. Click on the link [Summer School Permission Form](#). 6th grade musicians also need to meet briefly with Mr. Escobedo prior to the beginning of the school year. Click [Interview Statement](#) about details on the interview process.

Eckstein Band Calendar: Click [HERE](#)

Middle School Resource Newsletter: <http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/services/resources>

Update Your School Messenger Settings: The default for School Messenger which includes emails and "robocalls" is to contact all of the phone numbers and emails listed for parents/guardians. If you would like to change this setting to use only one phone number and email please go to: <https://accounts.relianceco.com/#/createuser> You will need to create a user for each parent/guardian listed who receives phone calls and/or emails.

To remove your name from the Eckstein mailing list: If your student no longer attends Eckstein MS or if you no longer wish to receive these messages, you can remove your name from our mailing list by scrolling to the bottom of this bulletin and clicking the "SafeUnsubscribe" link.

Community News

(These items are not endorsed or sponsored by Eckstein Middle School)

FREE Middle School Computer Coding Camps: Join us at an awesome six-week summer camp where you will learn how to create your own computer games and how to design and build your own websites. We will teach you programming languages like Scratch, Java and even Web Page Design. You will make new friends as you learn to code, go on field trips and play outdoors with your fellow campers. This will be a great community of students and mentors. We offer a field trip every week including trips to places like the Museum of Flight and the Pacific Science Center. This will be six weeks of fun, creativity and inspiration. This will be six weeks of fun, creativity and inspiration. Please join us! You can apply at our website www.computingkids.com at the tab on the upper right of the home page. The deadline is June 25th so please apply now!

- WHO: Seattle Public School students entering 7th & 8th grade
- WHEN: July 10 - August 18, 2017 9am - 4pm
- WHERE: Northwest African Museum, 2300 Massachusetts St., Seattle
- HOW: Apply online at www.computingkids.com

One on One Basketball Seattle Presents...

- **Half-Day Intensive Basketball Camp (Ages 11-15)**
 - ...for aspiring and current middle school players!
 - July 10-14 or July 24-28 @ Laurelhurst Elementary Gym
 - August 28-Sept 1 @ Queen Anne Community Center
 - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>
- **Pure Stroke Shooting Camp (Ages 10-17)**
 - ...learn proper shooting technique going into next season!
 - July 17-21 or August 28-Sept 1 @ Magnuson Community Center
 - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>
- **Position Skills/Scrimmage with Current and Former Women's Husky Players for Rising 7th-10th Grade Girls**
 - Tues-Thurs evenings, July 11-13 or August 15-17
 - ...train with One on One's top coaches and Husky Women's Players
 - Meadowbrook Community Center

- 6:00PM-8:30PM
- <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/classes-clinics>
- **One on One 1/2 DaySports Camps for Middle School Ages...**
 - Flag-Football (June 27-30) @ Laurelhurst Field - 12:30-3:30
 - Flag-Football (July 3-7) @ Ravenna CC - 12:30-3:30
 - Flag-Football (Aug 7-11) @ Ravenna CC - 9:00-Noon
 - Ultimate Frisbee (July 17-21) @ Laurelhurst Field - 9:00-Noon
 - Ultimate Frisbee (July 31-Aug 4) @ Ravenna CC - 12:30-3:30
 - Ultimate Frisbee (Aug 21-25) @ Ravenna CC - 9:00-Noon
 - <http://seattle-washington.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>

Calling all Teens: Summer Writing Camp at the Henry! Jul 17 - Aug 18. The Henry and the Jacob Lawrence Gallery have teamed up with Hugo House to offer two sessions of their popular Scribes Summer Writing Camps. Open to middle and high school students of all skill levels, Scribes is an opportunity for teens to engage intensely with creative writing under the guidance of accomplished teaching artists. During each two-week session, Scribes campers will interact with the Henry and the Jake's exhibitions, explore corners of the museum and surrounding campus for inspiration, and gain exposure to a diverse range of genres, forms, and writers. Each session culminates in a special public reading of students' work. See you soon #atthehenry!

- Session 1: July 17-28 (middle school only)
- Session 2: August 7-18

Thrive Summer Tween Camp: Click [HERE](#) to download information about the Tween Summer Camp at Meadowbrook Community Center.

Seattle JazzED - Now Enrolling

- *Summer Jazz Ambassadors:* 2 Weeks of awesome music and community performances. High-school students can earn service hours! Session 1 July 10 - July 21, Session 2 July 24 - August 4. Grades 6-12, all instruments
- *Summer Vocal Institute:* No prior experience required. A great opportunity to expand your skills or try vocal training for the first time. August 14 – 18. Grades 7-12
- *Summer Advanced Institute:* Up-and-coming NYC jazz sensations, and recent Juilliard graduates, Riley Mulherkar and Sammy Miller team up for a week-long intensive ending with a live in-studio performance at KNKX 88.5 FM. August 21 - August 25. Grades 9-12, all instruments

Register and find more info about scholarships at www.seattlejazzed.org or call 206-324-JAZZ (5299).

Summer STEM and Humanities Classes at the UW: The UW Summer Youth Program has STEM and humanities-focused classes for middle school students starting mid-June through mid-August. Middle School Courses include:

- [Creativity Lab: Exploring Words, Ideas and Images](#)
- [Exploring Microbiology](#)
- [Mosaic Art](#)

Junior Summer Tennis Camps at Tennis Center Sand Point: TCSP offers a complete junior tennis program for children ages 6 to 17. From beginners to the most advanced tournament players, the junior program covers the entire spectrum. Curriculum is based on developing camaraderie, self-esteem, physical fitness, discipline and good sportsmanship. Fun is the number one ingredient so kids can learn to love the game for life. Visit our website (www.tenniscentersandpoint.com) for more information.

FIUTS/Seattle Language & Culture Institute, July 24-August 7, 2017. UW Campus, Seattle. This program offers middle and high school students the opportunity to take part in a two-week global experience on the UW Campus. Build cultural competency, practice communication and diplomacy skills, make friends from around the world. 9:00a.-5:00p most days. Visit www.fiuts.org/slc or call Ellen Frierson at ellen@fiuts.org.

Nathan Hale Soccer will run Raider Soccer Camp for boys and girls in elementary or middle school. July 17th to July 21st at Jane Addams Middle School; Grades K-5: 9am-noon, Grades 6-8: 1pm to 4pm. Register at: www.halesports.org Cost: \$75 (includes t-shirt if registered by June 1, 2017). Your Raider camper will spend either a morning or afternoon with the Nathan Hale soccer team learning the basics of soccer, including passing, shooting, juggling and tactics.

Great Summer Camp opportunity for your students FREE: <http://www.neuroseeds.org/bloomin-brains-summer-camp> Bloomin' Brains Summer Camp - Sowing the Seeds of Neuroscience. www.neuroseeds.org

Northeast Seattle Little League Registration is Open for the 2017 Season: Spring is just around the corner so it's time for kids to gear up for baseball, softball, and tee ball with Northeast Seattle Little League (NESLL)! For kids 5-6 years old, NESLL's tee ball program is a great way to introduce the game. NESLL's softball program is a great way to get young girls involved in athletics and be a part of championship teams. NESLL's baseball program is for boys and girls ages 6-16 and a great opportunity to learn about teamwork and the fundamentals of the game. For parents, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities within the league and with your child's team. Please go to www.NESLL.net to start the registration process.

For baseball and tee ball questions contact registrar@NESLL.net

For softball questions contact Scott Rossick at srossick@msn.com.

Seattle Public Library Offers Free Homework Help for K-12 Students: The Seattle Public Library offers free, in-person educational assistance for children and teens that started Sept. 12 at 10 Library locations. Library events and programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Click [HERE](#) to download the flyer with information about locations and times.

Join Boy Scouts with Troop 177!: Troop 177 supports Eckstein Middle School, and is recruiting boys in 6th-8th grade now! Our troop conducts monthly outdoor activities, such as camping trips, hikes, and canoe trips, and has an annual week-long summer camp. Boy Scouts provides experiences boys can't get elsewhere, and the boy-led program teaches them leadership skills. Check out <http://troop177.com> or email info@troop177.com for more information.